

Barber Bridge:  
Spanning Musschshell River  
Barber  
Golden Valley County  
Montana

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Location: Spanning the Musselshell River at the local county road crossing near the town of Barber, just south of U.S. Highway 12 in Golden Valley County, Montana.

T.19 N., R.6 E., Section 4  
Quad: US Army Map Service  
Roundup, Montana, 1958  
Revised 1977

Date of Construction: 1911

Present Owner: Golden Valley County  
Golden Valley Courthouse  
107 Kemp  
Ryegate, MT 59074

Present Use: Local farm and ranch access

Significance: In 1911, Musselshell County was formed and one of the first acts of the new Musselshell County Commissioners was to build four new steel bridges over the Musselshell River in order to connect the two halves of the county. One of those bridges is this 157-foot, four span bridge built in 1911 by the Security Bridge Company of Minneapolis. The main span is a 98-foot pin connected Pratt through truss span. This span is approached from the north by three 19-foot 8-inch steel stringer spans. Golden Valley County was formed out of Musselshell County in 1921.

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